



West Virginia Governor's Veterans Council

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2014

The meeting opened at 1:00 pm at the West Virginia Veterans Home, 512 Water Street Barboursville, West Virginia.

Members of the West Virginia Veterans Council (* indicates present):

Chairman Randall Bare*, Mary Byrd, James DeCarlo*, Miles Epling*, Harrison Gilliam, Cedric Greene, C.W. Harris*, James McCormick*, Woody Williams*

Unfinished business:

None

Minutes:

Chairman Bare called the meeting to order. With six members present a quorum was established. C.W. Harris moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. James DeCarlo seconded the motion. The **motion passed** and the minutes were approved with a technical correction.

New Business:

The Chairman recognized Woody Williams. Mr. Williams explained the responsibilities of the Council. Woody Williams made a motion to have the quarterly meeting planning session start at 11 o'clock a.m. and the open forum meeting to begin at 1:00. Questions and discussion followed. The motion was seconded by James McCormick. **Motion failed.**

Mr. Williams introduced the Council Mission statement. Woody Williams made a motion to adopt the mission statement. James McCormick seconded the motion. **Motion carried**

Mr. Williams explained the proposed Council Legislative Member Job Description. Miles Epling moved to table the motion. James McCormick seconded. **The motion carried and the issue was tabled.**

The Chairman explained Executive Order 2-12, standardizing the wording on bridge and road signs honoring veterans. Mr. Williams moved to amend the order to spell out the rank and branch of service of the honoree. Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt the amendment. Mr. Harris seconded. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Bare explained the proposed resolution to build a temporary covered walkway across the roof of the east and west wings of the Capitol building during the months of October to April. The heated temporary structure will provide protection from the elements for handicapped veterans and citizens. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt the resolution. C.W. Harris seconded. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Bare discussed the budget of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Huntington Regional Office and the monies available to assist with disability compensation, disability pensions, educational benefits paid to veterans and dependents, and loans for homes and businesses.

Chairman Bare introduced and recognized guests. There being no further business come before the Council, upon the motion of Mr. Williams, the meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Cheryl Austin

WVDVA

Rick Thompson

WVDVA Cabinet Secretary